

Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation/
City Interdisciplinary Transportation Team Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Charles Langalis, Judy Fraser, James Michel

City Staff Present:

Wendy Block Sanford, Harry Reitze, Tim Geis

Agenda:

1. Development Update
2. NTC: Traffic Calming Petition, North Cherry Street
3. Pedestrian Plan Update
4. Referral of T06-05 Pipestem Lots
5. Other Items
 - a. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2006
6. Meeting Minutes Approval: March 9, 2006

Minutes:

1. Development Update:

Wendy Block Sanford provided an update on current building projects and recent submittals to the planning office. The Read building special exception application and site plan have been approved. The planning department is expecting a resubmission on the N. Washington/Jefferson St. special exception (Pearson funeral home site) and is reviewing a rezoning application for 110 Great Falls Street from residential to transitional designation.

2. NTC: Traffic Calming Petition, North Cherry Street

The committee reviewed the speed, volume, and accident data for North Cherry Street between East Broad Street and East Columbia Street. The data show that there was not an increase in traffic volume from 2004 when VDOT performed traffic counts. There are approximately 1,900 cars per day traveling on the road; peak periods are rush hour times. The 85th percentile speed was 30 mph at one measurement location (202 N. Cherry) and 28.9 mph at the other measurement location (218 N. Cherry). The NTC Program handbook states that there is a speeding problem if the 85th percentile speed is more than 5 mph over the posted speed limit, which is 25 mph on this street. While this does not meet the technical definition of speeding, the CACT would also like to see the data without the minimum and maximum speeds (outliers).

The CACT used the Traffic Problem Definition and Priority Ranking Guidelines found in Appendix 1 of the NTC Program Handbook to assign point values to the six categories used to evaluate NTC cases. The CACT assigned the following values to the various categories:

Speeding (0-40):	0
Volume (0-30):	19

Accidents (5 each):	10
Bike Route (5 each):	5
Pedestrian Generators (5 each):	15 (park, school, bus stop)
Dangerous Conditions (5 each):	5
Total:	54

This point total will be used at the end of the NTC program cycle this year to compare projects to each other. The CACT would like to recommend some traffic calming for the street. The CACT made a motion to keep this case on the active agenda. In July, the CACT will evaluate the options for traffic calming and provide recommendations to the City Manager.

3. Pedestrian Plan

Assignments from last month are carried forward to next month. Charles Langalis will rework the physical improvement actions portion of the document. Carol Chaney and Jim Michel will work on the public outreach action section and the city policy action section respectively. Drafts are due to Wendy by May 1. The CACT would like to appeal to other boards, commissions, and citizen groups for input on the plan once a more complete working draft is developed.

Charles Langalis submitted an overview of metro bus facilities in Falls Church and some recommendations for improvements.

4. Referral of T06-05 Pipestem Lots

The CACT did not have any comments on this.

5. Other Items

Wendy Block Sanford will be out on maternity leave from June through September. Helen Reinecke-Wilt will be the CACT staff liaison in her absence. Tim Geis has accepted a position at the Property Yard, but will continue to work with the CACT until his replacement is found.

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6. February 8, 2006 Meeting Minutes Approval

The CACT approved the March 9, 2006 meeting minutes.

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